

Museums and monuments

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Fine Arts Museum

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The Libourne Fine Arts Museum (*Musée des Beaux Arts de Libourne*) was created by Duke Elie Decazes (1788-1860). As of 1818, when he was appointed Home Secretary by Louis XVIII, he sent major works of art, the first of the State-loaned exhibits, to Libourne.

Duke Decazes was thus responsible for initiating the collection housed in the Fine Arts Museum which he also enriched with personal gifts. Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, the museum went from strength to strength thanks to donations and bequests (Brulle, Giboin, d'Alibert, etc...), purchases and state-loaned materials.

Housed until 1836 at the Ursuline Convent, site of the current municipal Media Centre, the collections were then transferred to the town hall, which was built in the 15th century and enlarged at the end of the 19th. Today, a selection of works from collections of the Fine Arts Museum is presented on the second floor of the Town Hall in permanent exhibition rooms, which were renovated in 2004.

The Carmel Chapel has been the temporary exhibition room for the Fine Arts Museum since the end of the 1980s. (see the agenda page on the Tourist Office website: www.libourne-tourisme.com)

The Libourne Fine Arts Museum is a French Museum, recognised by the French Ministry of Culture and Communication.

Princeteau, Dufy, Jordaens, Foujita, works from the 16th and 20th centuries: sculptures, paintings, decorative arts, archaeology. Flemish, German, French and Italian schools.

Free admission, guided tours by appointment.



Chapelle du Carmel

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Former Carmelite convent. Temporary exhibitions. Guided tours by appointment.



Médiathèque Municipale

Place des Récollets

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The convent of Recollets, a reformed originally Franciscan order, was founded in Libourne in 1611. Chosen to house the new Media center, this cloister once threatened with demolition, has been restored to its original beauty thanks to action taken by the Libourne town council. It is a former convent of the Order of Recollets of Saint Francis.

Adult and children sections, audio library, writing workshop, "collimagine" (collages + imagination), storytelling workshop, multi-media area, etc...
Temporary exhibitions every month.